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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket Nos. 14-58, 10-90  
2016 ETC Annual Report – Columbine Telephone Company, Inc., Study Area Code 472295

CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION and PURSUANT TO 47 CFR § 0.459(a)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Submitted herewith pursuant to 47 CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.422 and Protective Order DA 16-296 and 47 CFR § 0.459(a) are copies of the redacted version and confidential portions of the Annual ETC Report – FCC Form 481 for Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company").

Confidential treatment under Protective Order is sought for the financial data provided pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2) and for information provided pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.313(a)(1) as contained in the 2016 Progress Report: Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan (2015-2019) and Narrative. The Progress Report and Narrative contain highly sensitive competitive and financial information not otherwise publicly available, the disclosure of which could be used against the Company by potential competitors and could have a significant negative impact on its operations.

The redacted version of the report is filed via the FCC's ECFS, as noted above. Copies of the report have been filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Please direct any questions about this filing to me at the phone number below or by email to: mamotzkus@silverstar.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Motzkus", is written over a stylized background of rolling hills and trees.

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